

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3456

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 1999

Received

AN ACT

To amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United
States Code.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Digital Theft Deter-
3 rence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATUTORY DAMAGES ENHANCEMENT.**

5 Section 504(c) of title 17, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “\$500” and inserting
9 “\$750”; and

10 (B) by striking “\$20,000” and inserting
11 “\$30,000”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$100,000”
13 and inserting “\$150,000”.

14 **SEC. 3. SENTENCING COMMISSION GUIDELINES.**

15 Within 120 days after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act, or within 120 days after the first date on which
17 there is a sufficient number of voting members of the Sen-
18 tencing Commission to constitute a quorum, whichever is
19 later, the Commission shall promulgate emergency guide-
20 line amendments to implement section 2(g) of the No
21 Electronic Theft (NET) Act (29 U.S.C. 994 note) in ac-
22 cordance with the procedures set forth in section 21(a)
23 of the Sentencing Act of 1987, as though the authority
24 under that Act had not expired.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
3 any action brought on or after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act, regardless of the date on which the alleged
5 activity that is the basis of the action occurred.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 18,
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.